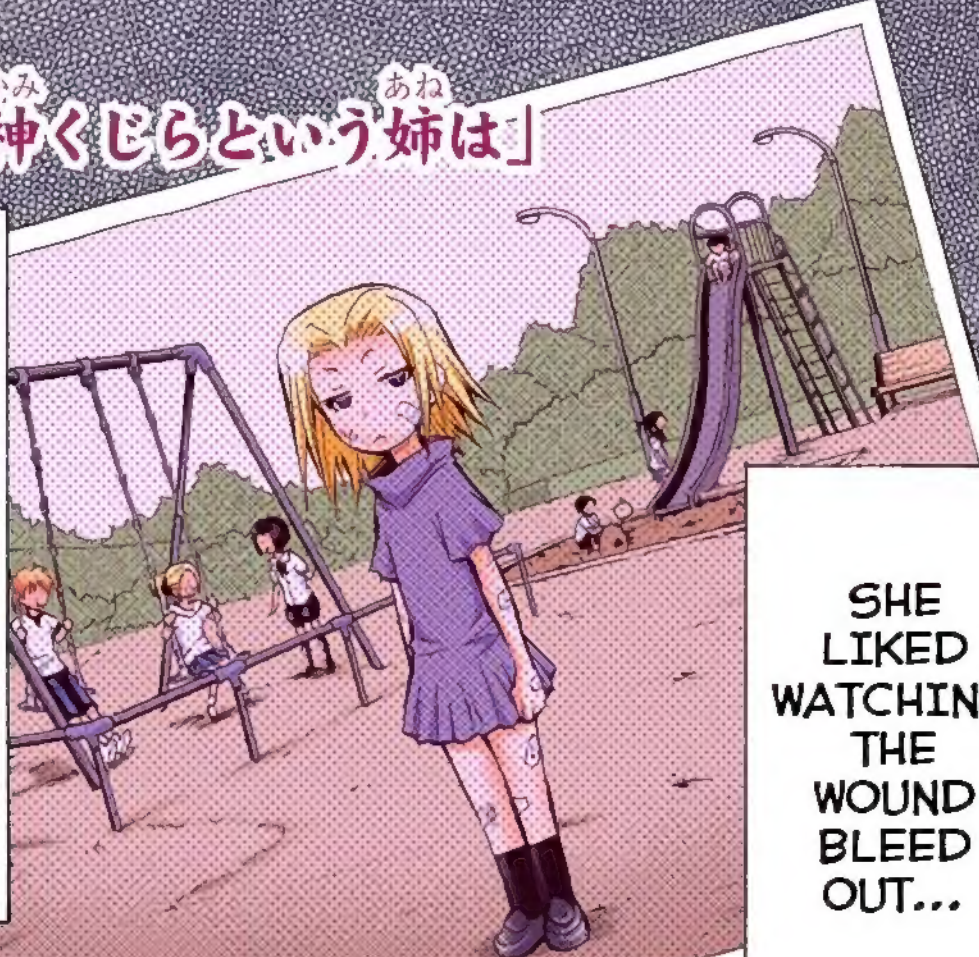


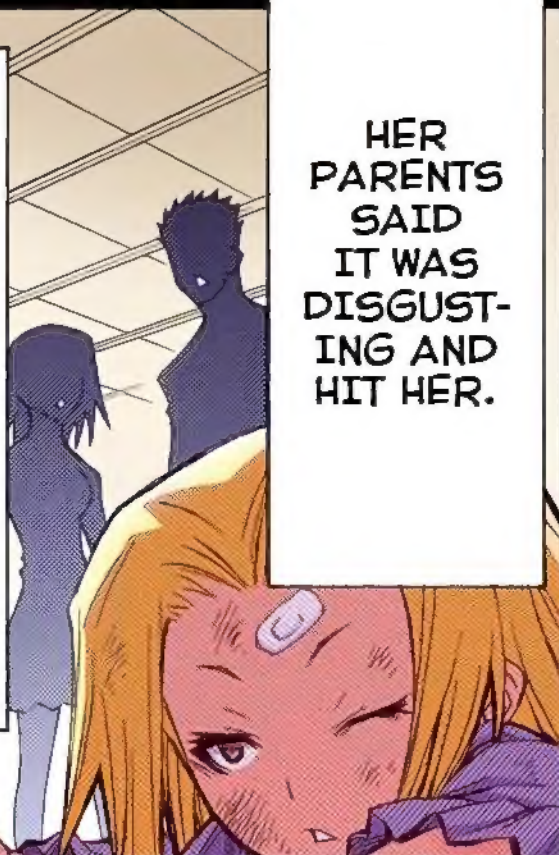
...AND
HEAL
OVER
TIME.



SHE WAS A
CHILD WHO
LIKED TO
PEEL OFF
HER OWN
SCABS.

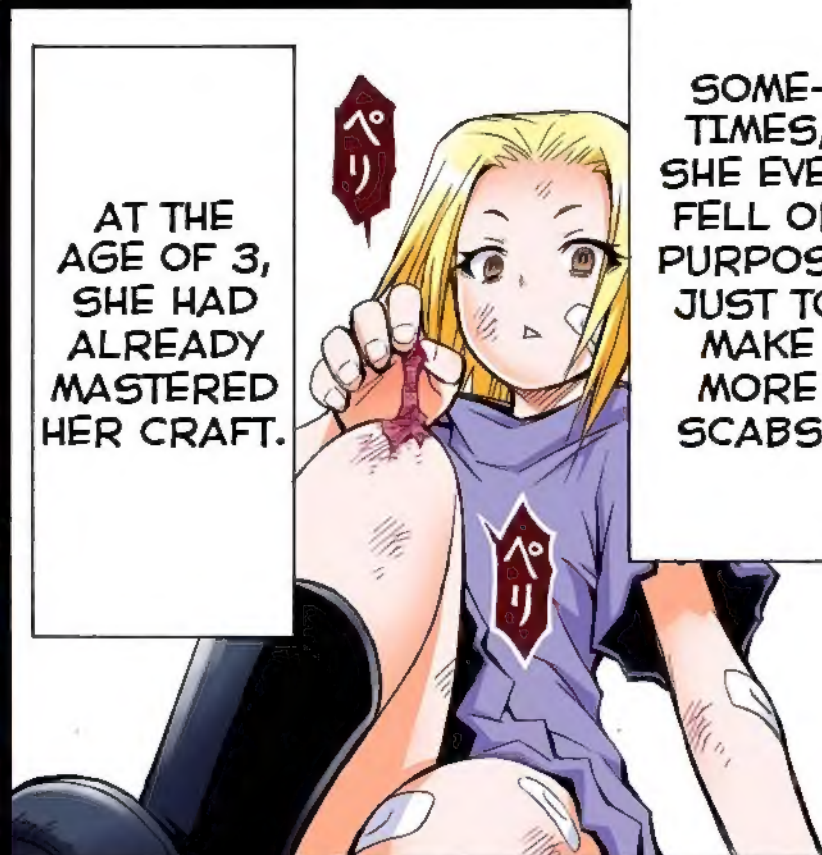
SHE
LIKED
WATCHING
THE
WOUND
BLEED
OUT...

AT THE
TIME, SHE
HAD NO
OTHER
CHOICE
BUT TO
LISTEN
TO THEM.



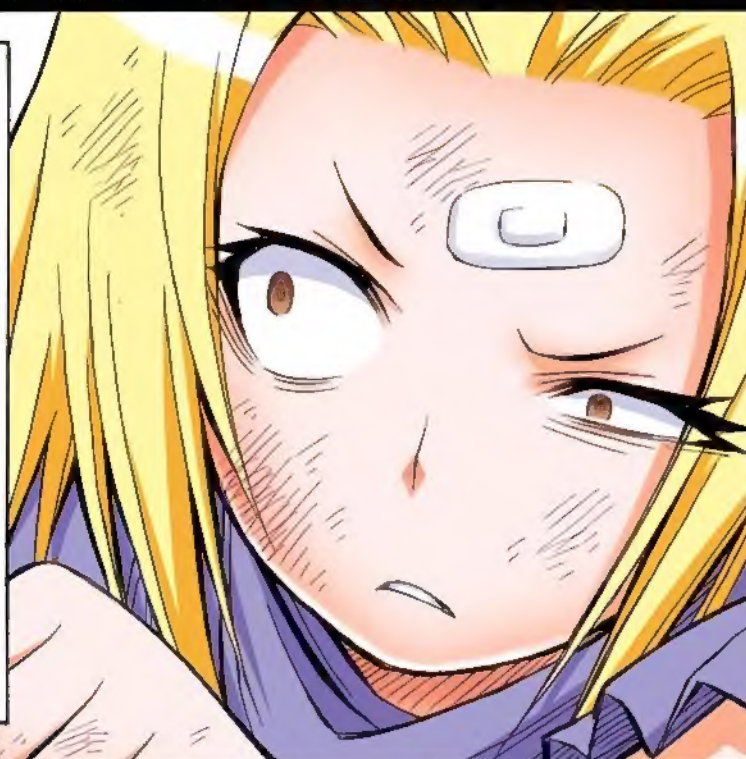
HER
PARENTS
SAID
IT WAS
DISGUST-
ING AND
HIT HER.

AT THE
AGE OF 3,
SHE HAD
ALREADY
MASTERED
HER CRAFT.



SOME-
TIMES,
SHE EVEN
FELL ON
PURPOSE
JUST TO
MAKE
MORE
SCABS.

WHEN SHE
TURNS 20,
THE FIRST
THING
SHE'LL DO
IS KILL
THEM.



BEING HIT
BY THEM
NEVER GAVE
HER SCABS,
SO SHE
STARTED TO
HATE HER
PARENTS
BECAUSE
OF IT.

HOW-
EVER
...

SHE SOON
LEARNED
OF THE
UNUSUAL
EVENTS
TRANS-
PIRING
AROUND
HER.

BUT...

MAYBE SHE
THOUGHT
IT'D BE
EASIER TO
MAKE MORE
SCABS BY
SLIDING TO
THE BASES...

SHE
GREW
UP WELL
OFF AND
EVEN
JOINED
HER
KINDER-
GARTEN
BASE-
BALL
TEAM.

DESPITE
HER
FAMI-
LIAL
SITUA-
TION...

AND YET,
THE
WOUNDS
WERE
HEALING
AT A
PECUL-
IARLY
SLOWER
RATE THAN
USUAL.

AFTER ALL,
GETTING
INJURED IS
A REGULAR
PART OF
MANY
SPORTS.

...AND SHE
THOUGHT
THAT
WAS COM-
PLETLY
NORMAL.

STRANGELY,
THERE
WERE MANY
MEMBERS
OF HER
TEAM
RECEIVING
INJURIES...

SHE WAS
RIGHT TO
THINK IT
STRANGE
...

...AS
WOUNDS AND
INJURIES
SOON BECAME
A REGULAR
OCCURANCE
TO EVERYONE
ON HER TEAM.

IT
WAS
GETTING
WORSE
ON A
DAY TO
DAY
BASIS.

BUT...

...OR
"OPEN
OTHERS'
WOUNDS
JUST BY
BEING
THERE".

NO ONE COULD
IMAGINE THAT A
LITTLE GIRL
COULD "MAKE
OTHERS'
WOUNDS
WORSE"...

BUT,
OF
COURSE
...

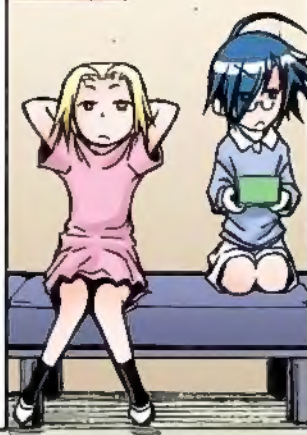
OTHER
THAN HER,
NO ONE
COULD
CONNECT
THE DOTS.

"UNFOR-
TUNATE
EVENTS
ARE
HAPPEN-
ING
BECAUSE
OF ME."

"MY
EXISTENCE
IS
CAUSING
TROUBLE
FOR
EVERYONE
ELSE."

"I
SEE..."

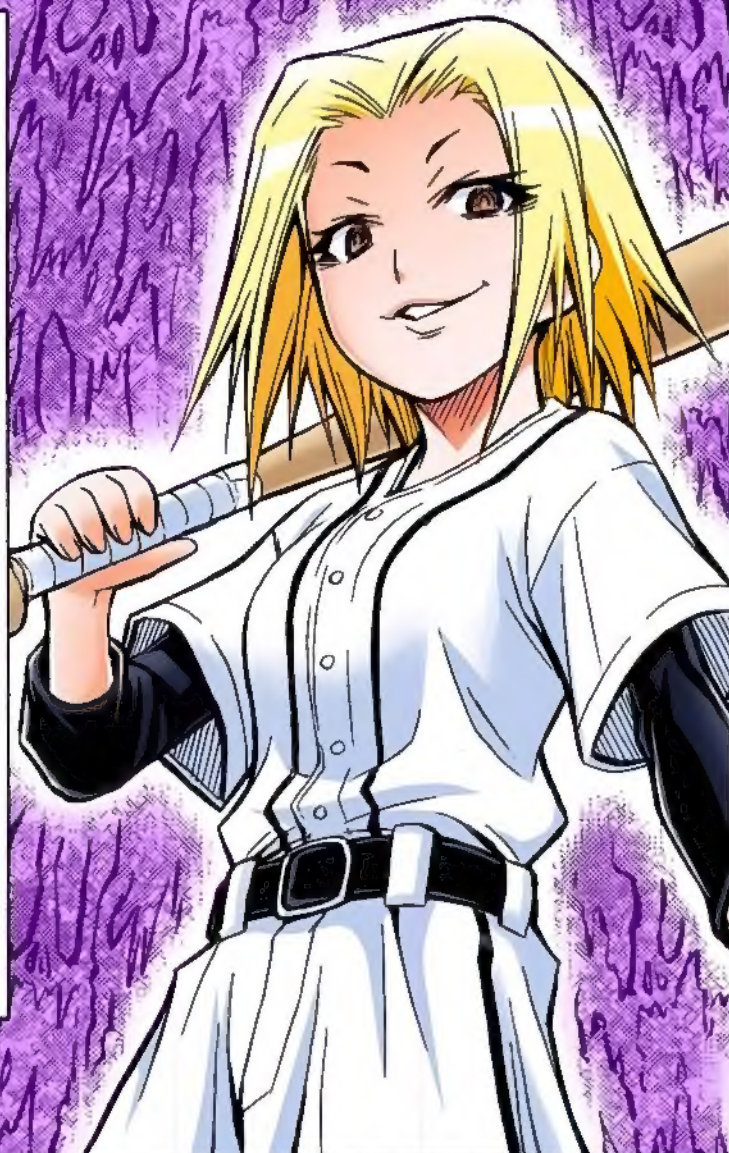
IT WAS
OTHERS
THAT GOT
HURT.



...BUT
NOT FOR A
DISEASE.
HER BODY
WAS
PERFECTLY
FINE.

EVENTU-
ALLY,
SHE
WENT
TO THE
HOSPI-
TAL...

WITH THAT
THOUGHT, SHE
SPENT EIGHT
YEARS BETWEEN
KINDERGARTEN
AND THE END OF
ELEMENTARY
SCHOOL
CAUSING A
HUMONGOUS
AMOUNT OF
INJURIES, YET
SHE STILL
REMAINED ON
THE BASEBALL
TEAM WITHOUT
ANYONE THE
WISER.



"THEN I
GUESS I
JUST HAVE
TO FIND
SOME
HAPPINESS
BURIED IN
ALL THAT
MISFOR-
TUNE!"

THIS IS
THE BEST
ATTACK
AGAINST
NAZE
-SENPAI!!

OPENING
MENTAL
WOUNDS!

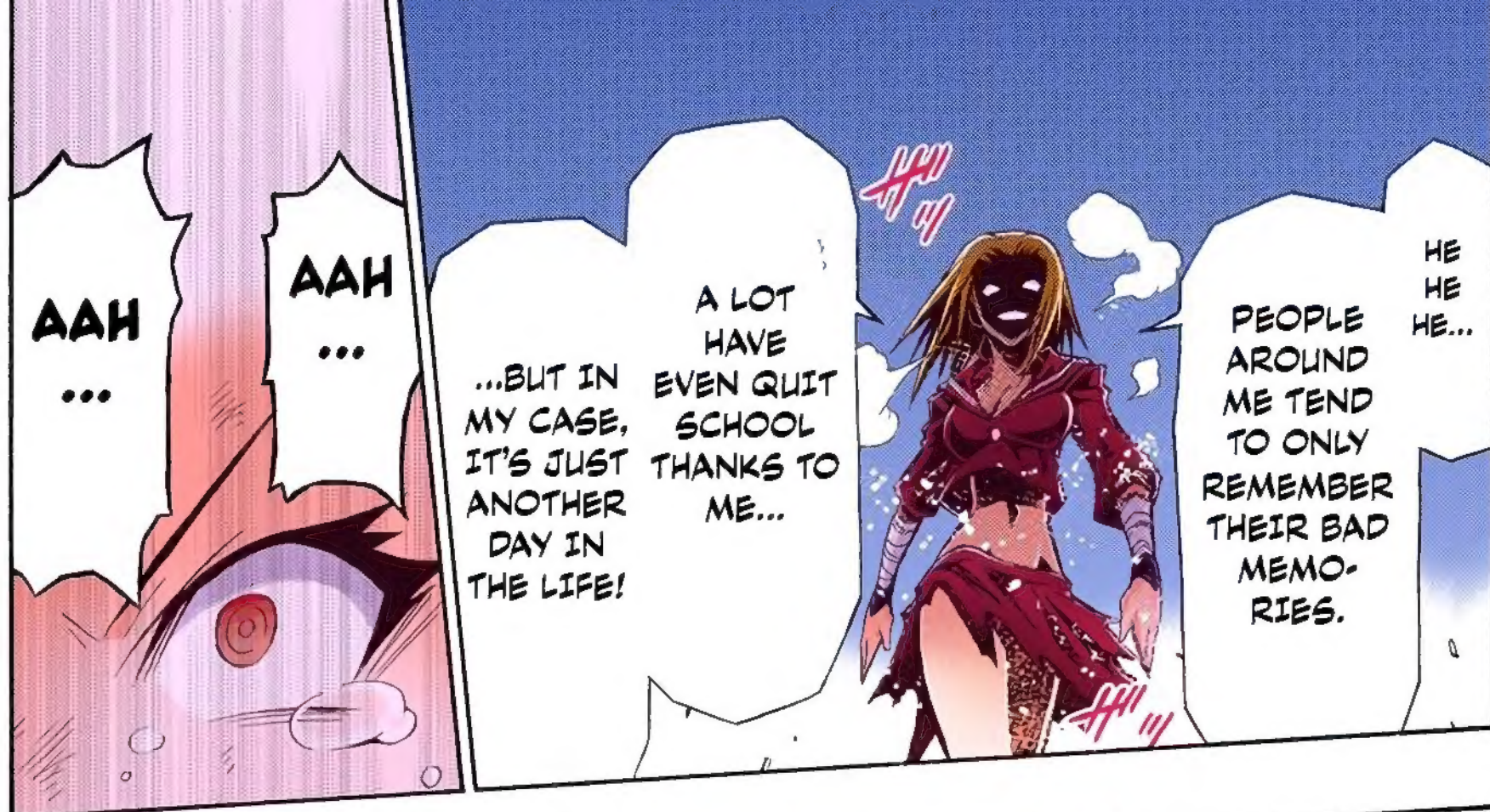
だい
第76箱

はこ
くろかみ
「黒神くじらという姉は」
あね

IF IT ALL
CAME
BACK AT
ONCE...

SHE MUST'VE
CARRIED TEN
TIMES THE
TRAUMA
COMPARED
TO ANYONE
ELSE!

"SOMETHING
AMAZING
CAN ONLY BE
MADE AFTER
SEEING HELL!"
NAZE-SENPAI HAS
BEEN CHASING
MISFORTUNE FOR
THAT VERY IDEAL!



AAH
...

AAH
...

...BUT IN
MY CASE,
IT'S JUST
ANOTHER
DAY IN
THE LIFE!

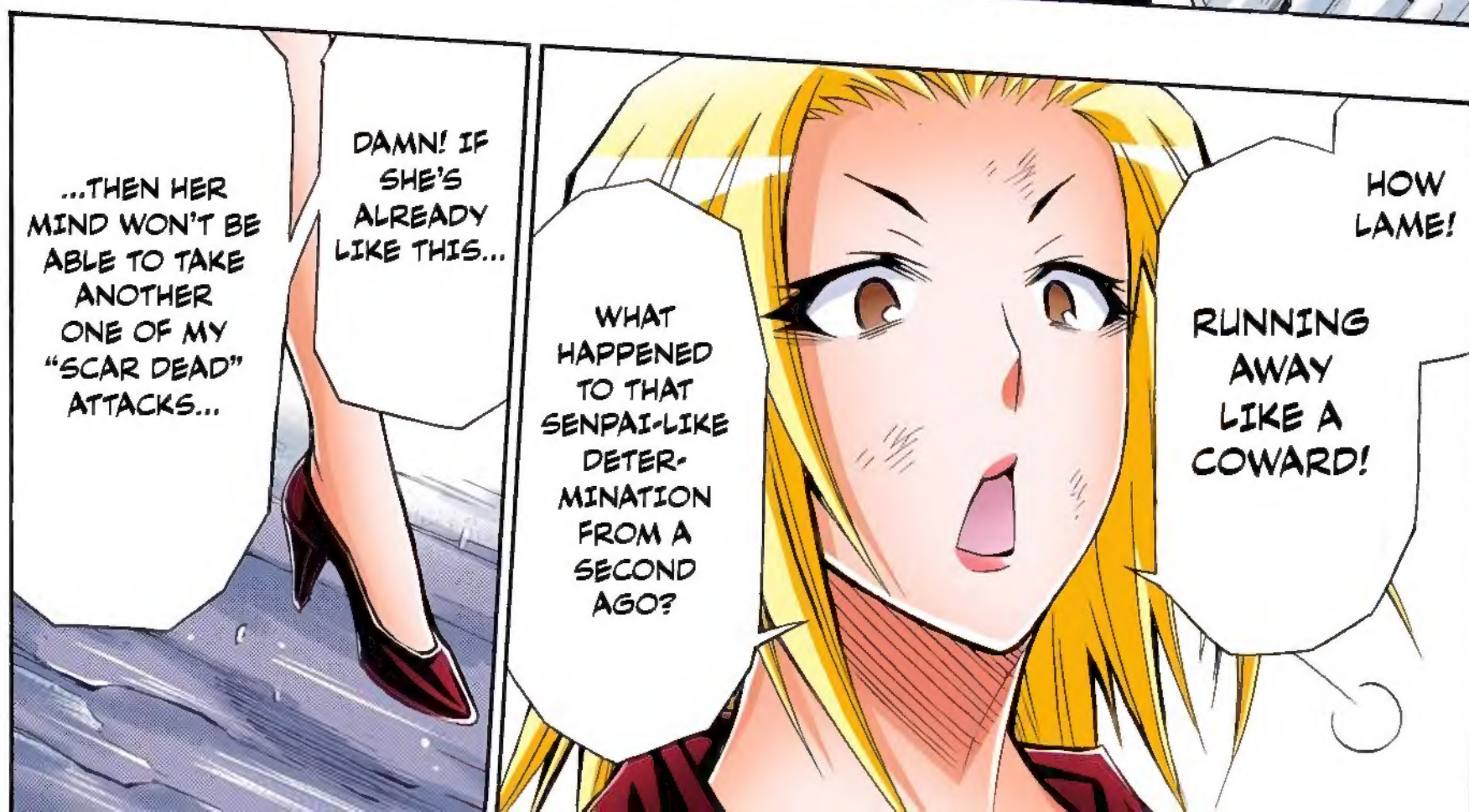
A LOT
HAVE
EVEN QUIT
SCHOOL
THANKS TO
ME...

PEOPLE
AROUND
ME TEND
TO ONLY
REMEMBER
THEIR BAD
MEMO-
RIES.

HE
HE
HE...



AAAAAAA
AAAAAAA
HHHHHHHH
HHHHHHHH
HHHHH
!!!!!!!!!!



...THEN HER
MIND WON'T BE
ABLE TO TAKE
ANOTHER
ONE OF MY
"SCAR DEAD"
ATTACKS...

DAMN! IF
SHE'S
ALREADY
LIKE THIS...

WHAT
HAPPENED
TO THAT
SENPAI-LIKE
DETER-
MINATION
FROM A
SECOND
AGO?

HOW
LAME!

RUNNING
AWAY
LIKE A
COWARD!



...SO
I'LL DO
THIS
INSTEAD!!

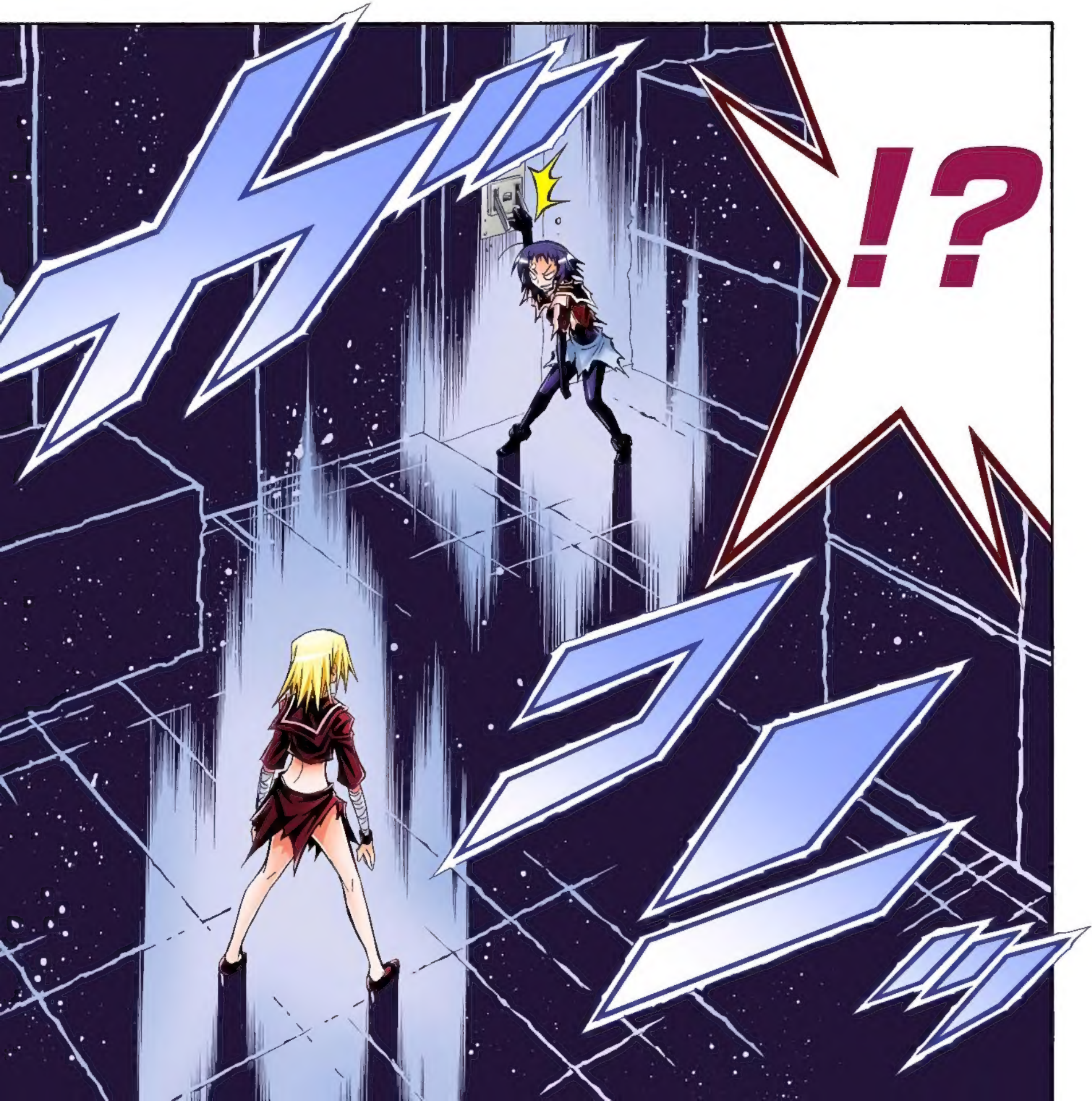
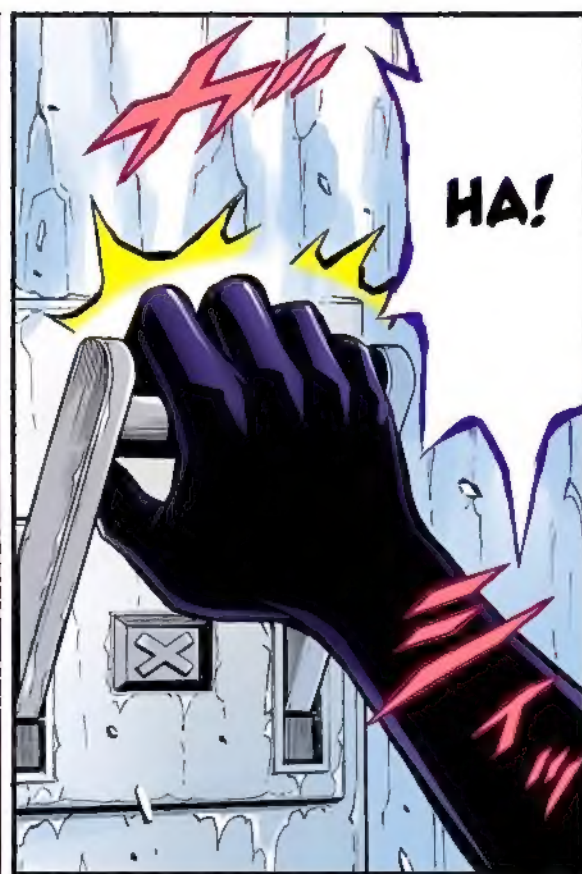


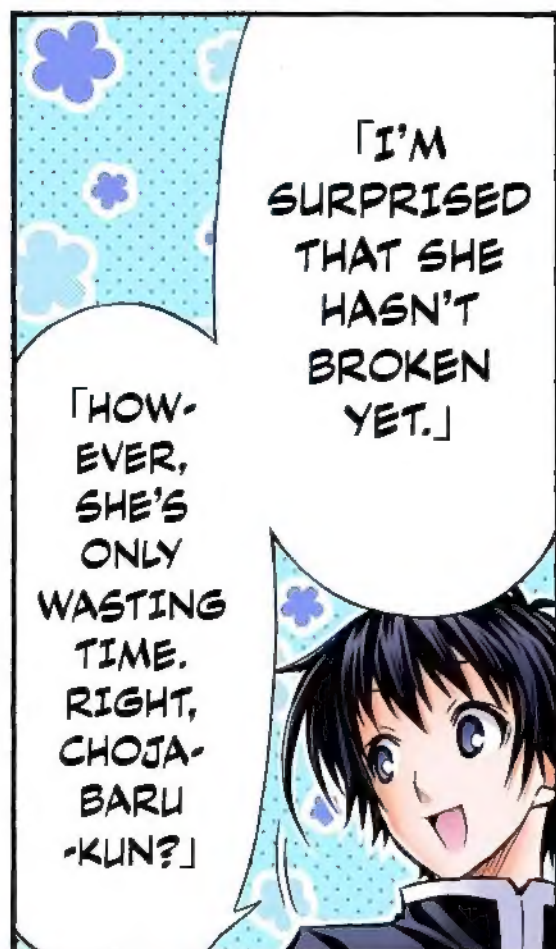
...BUT I STILL
GOTTA PAY
YOU BACK
FOR ALL
THAT HIGH
AND MIGHTY
TALK FROM
BEFORE!



I'LL GET A
COUPLE
KICKS IN.

HONESTLY,
I DON'T EVEN
HATE YOU ALL
THAT MUCH...





「I'M SURPRISED THAT SHE HASN'T BROKEN YET.」

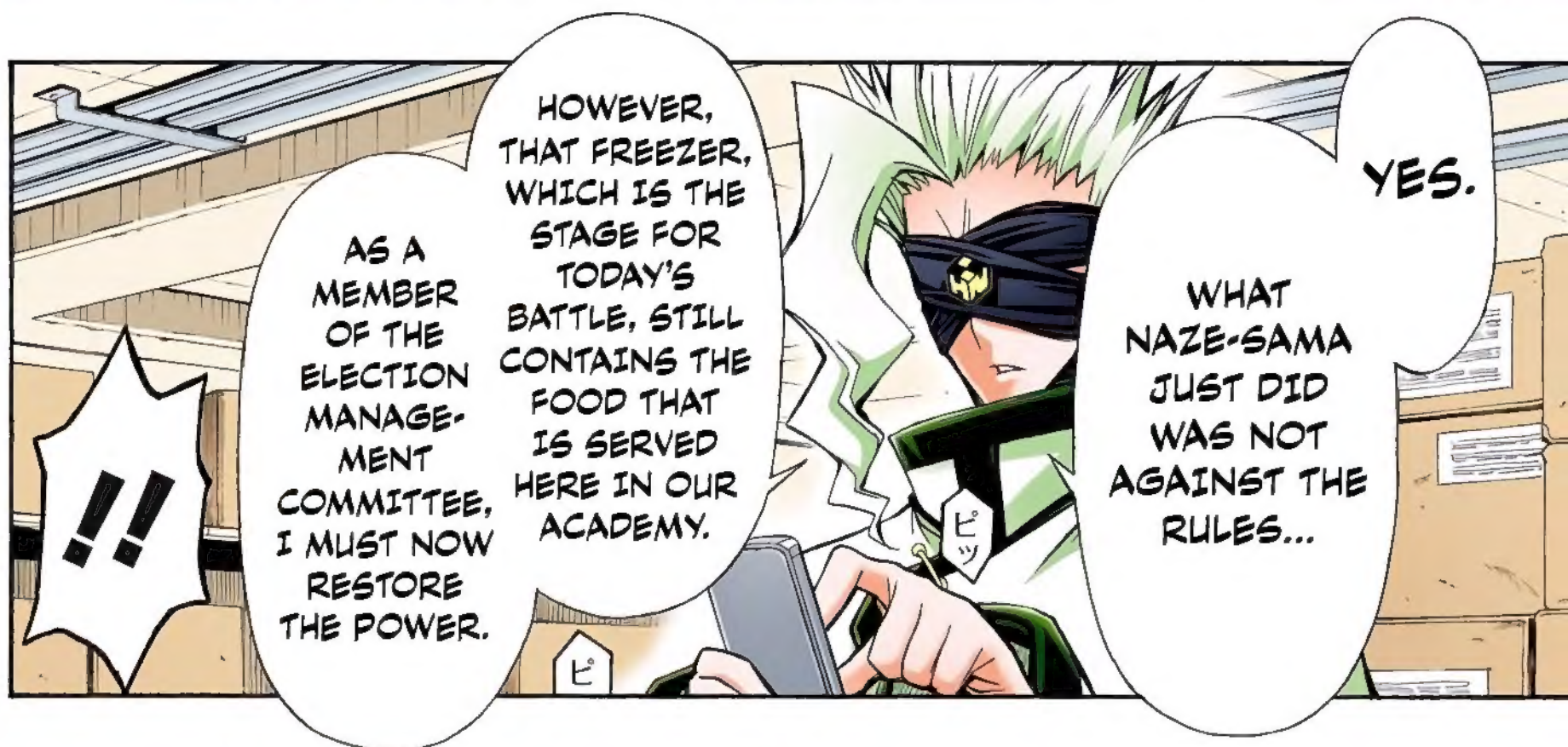
「HOWEVER, SHE'S ONLY WASTING TIME. RIGHT, CHOJA-BARU-KUN?」



A BLACK-OUT...? NO, SHE FLIPPED THE BREAKER?!

IT'S ALRIGHT! SHE'S STILL OKAY!!

I SEE... SHE PRETENDED TO RUN AWAY SO THAT SHE COULD GET TO IT WITHOUT RAISING SUSPICION!



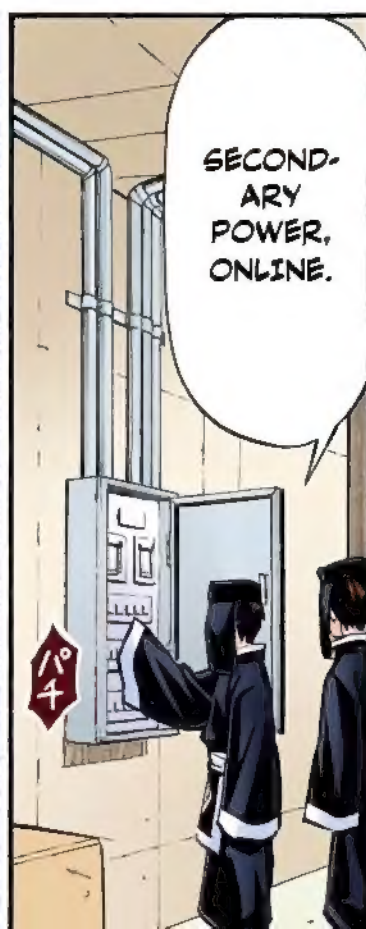
!!

AS A MEMBER OF THE ELECTION MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE, I MUST NOW RESTORE THE POWER.

HOWEVER, THAT FREEZER, WHICH IS THE STAGE FOR TODAY'S BATTLE, STILL CONTAINS THE FOOD THAT IS SERVED HERE IN OUR ACADEMY.

WHAT NAZE-SAMA JUST DID WAS NOT AGAINST THE RULES...

YES.



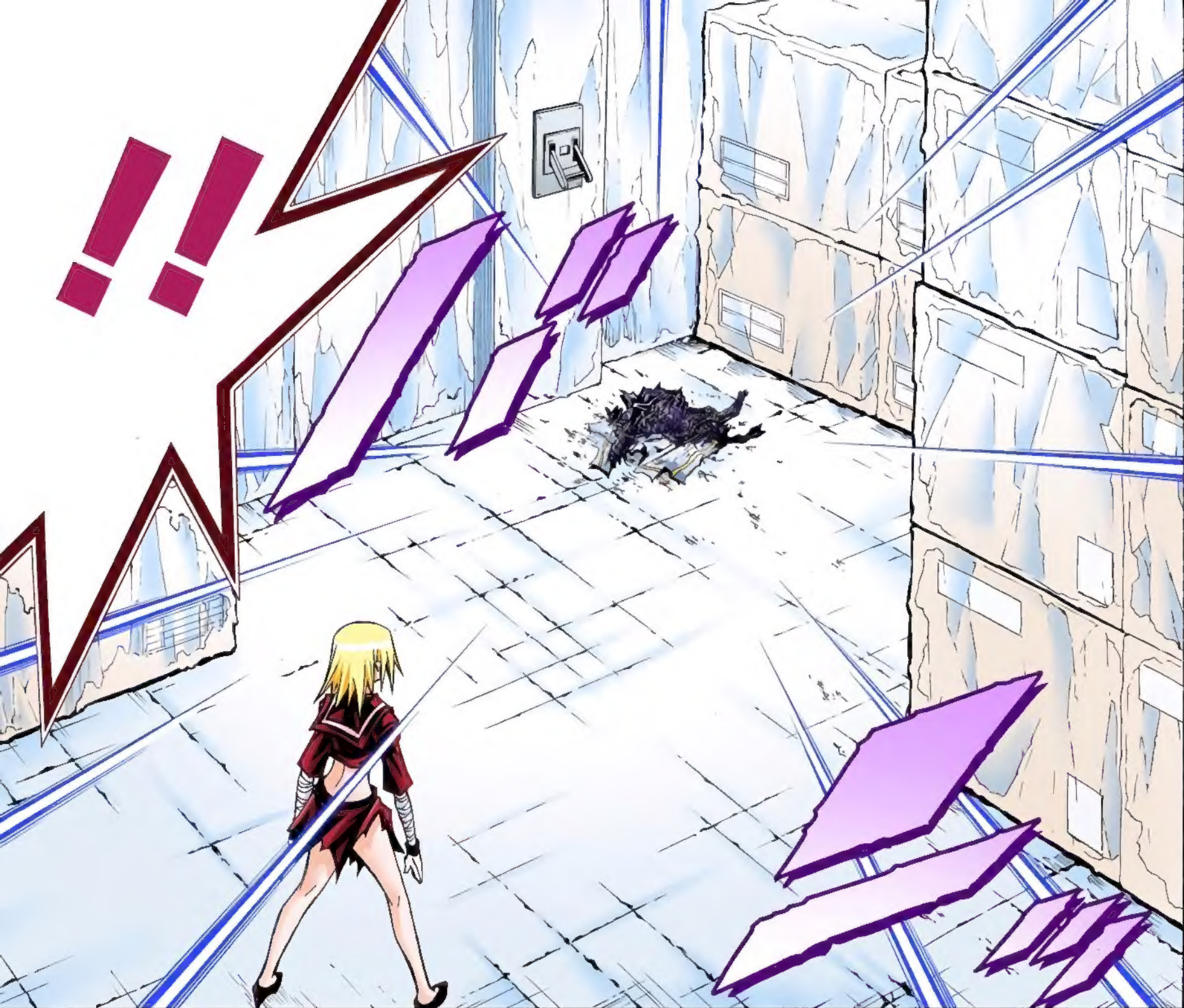
SECONDARY POWER, ONLINE.

THIS MIGHT JUST BE THE MOST POWERFUL ABILITY TO USE AGAINST ANY LIVING ORGANISM!

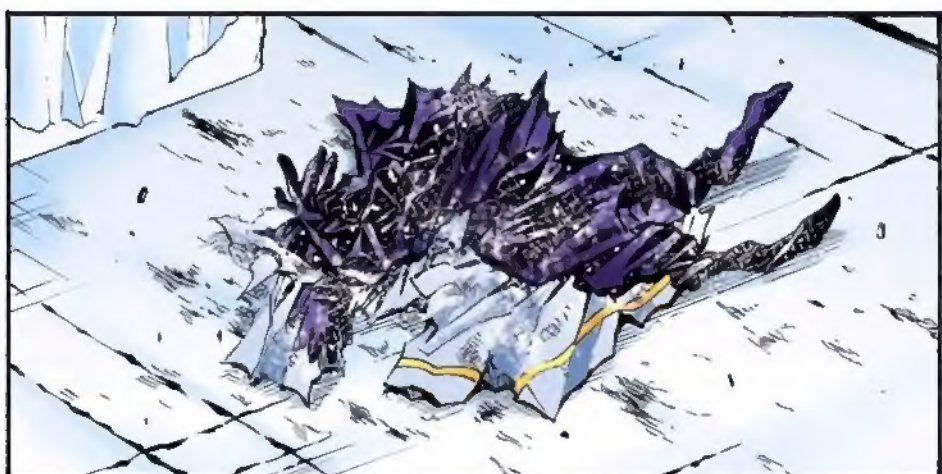
...AND SHIBUSHI-SAN'S "SCAR DEAD" IS COMPLETELY UNAVOIDABLE!

THIS IS BAD... EVEN IF THAT WAS JUST SOME ACTING, IT'S STILL OBVIOUS THAT SHE'S TAKING OBSCENE AMOUNTS OF DAMAGE...



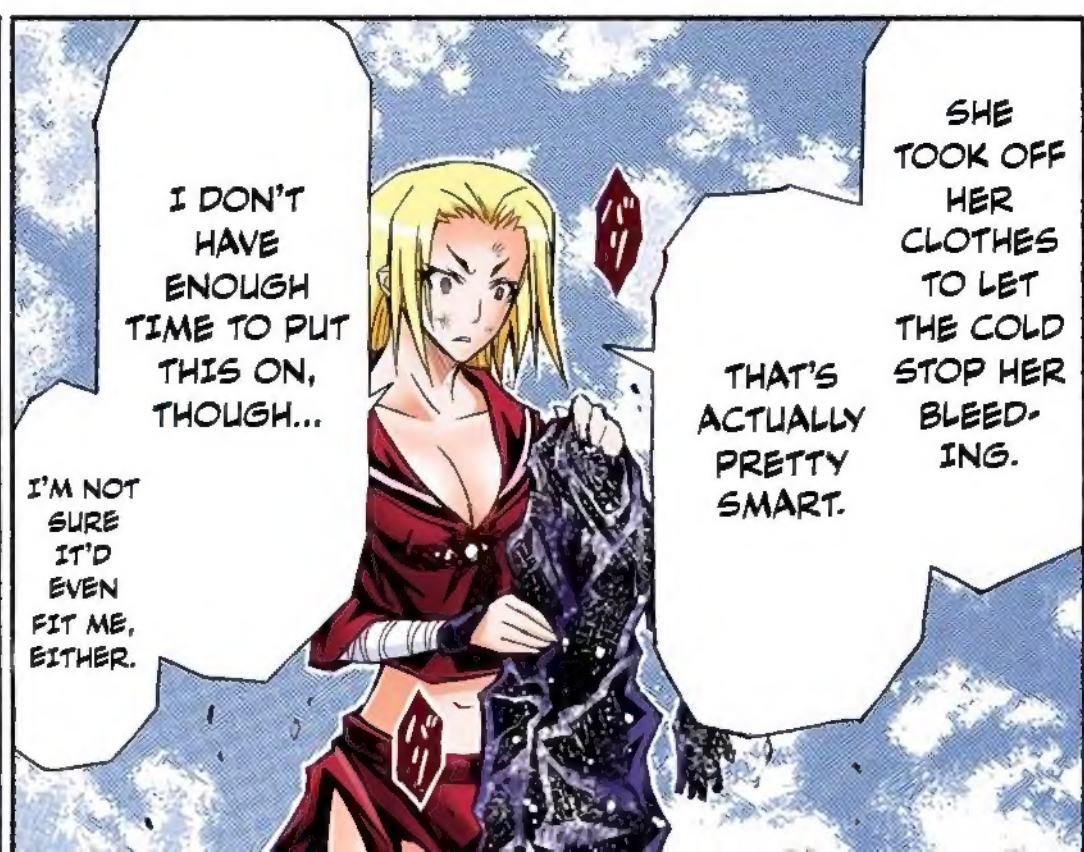


SHE...
MOVED?
BUT...



MY
VICTORY
IS CLOSE
AT HAND!

HMPH!
IT'S FINE.
THE
NORTH
WIND IS
OPPOSITE
OF THE
SUN.

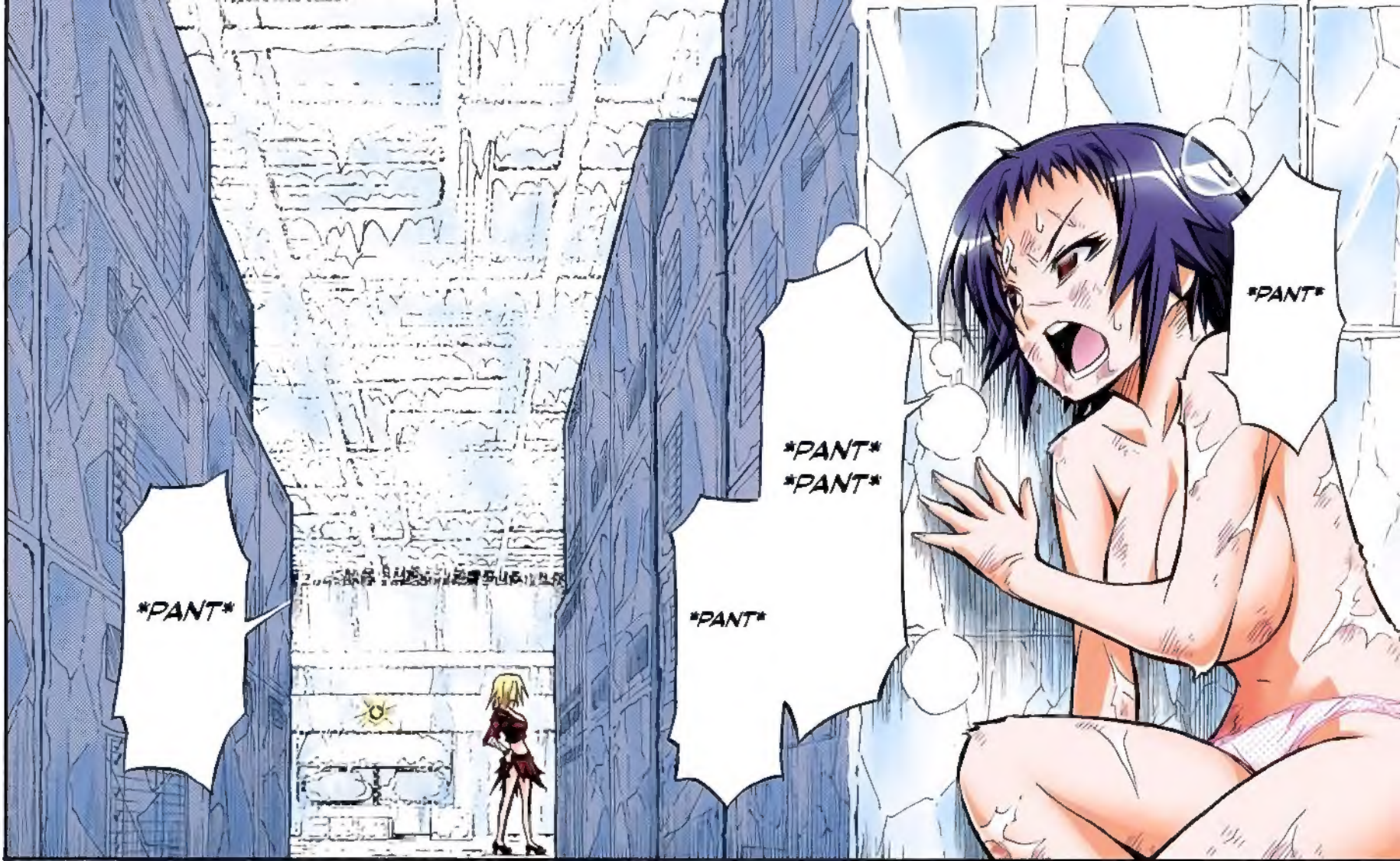


I DON'T
HAVE
ENOUGH
TIME TO PUT
THIS ON,
THOUGH...

I'M NOT
SURE
IT'D
EVEN
FIT ME,
EITHER.

SHE
TOOK OFF
HER
CLOTHES
TO LET
THE COLD
STOP HER
BLEED-
ING.

THAT'S
ACTUALLY
PRETTY
SMART.



PANT

PANT
PANT

PANT

PANT



**UNLIKE
KUMA-
GAWA OR
EMUKAE,
SHE
OPERATES
AROUND
HER
MINUS...**

**AND TO TOP
IT ALL OFF,
THIS FIRST
YEAR HAS
COMPLETE
CONTROL
OVER HER
"SCAR DEAD"
OR
WHATEVER!**

**...WITH ALL
THESE
FLASH-
BACKS
RUNNING
THROUGH
MY MIND!!**

**EVEN
NOW,
IT'S
TOUGH
TO
THINK
OF THE
BATTLE
...**

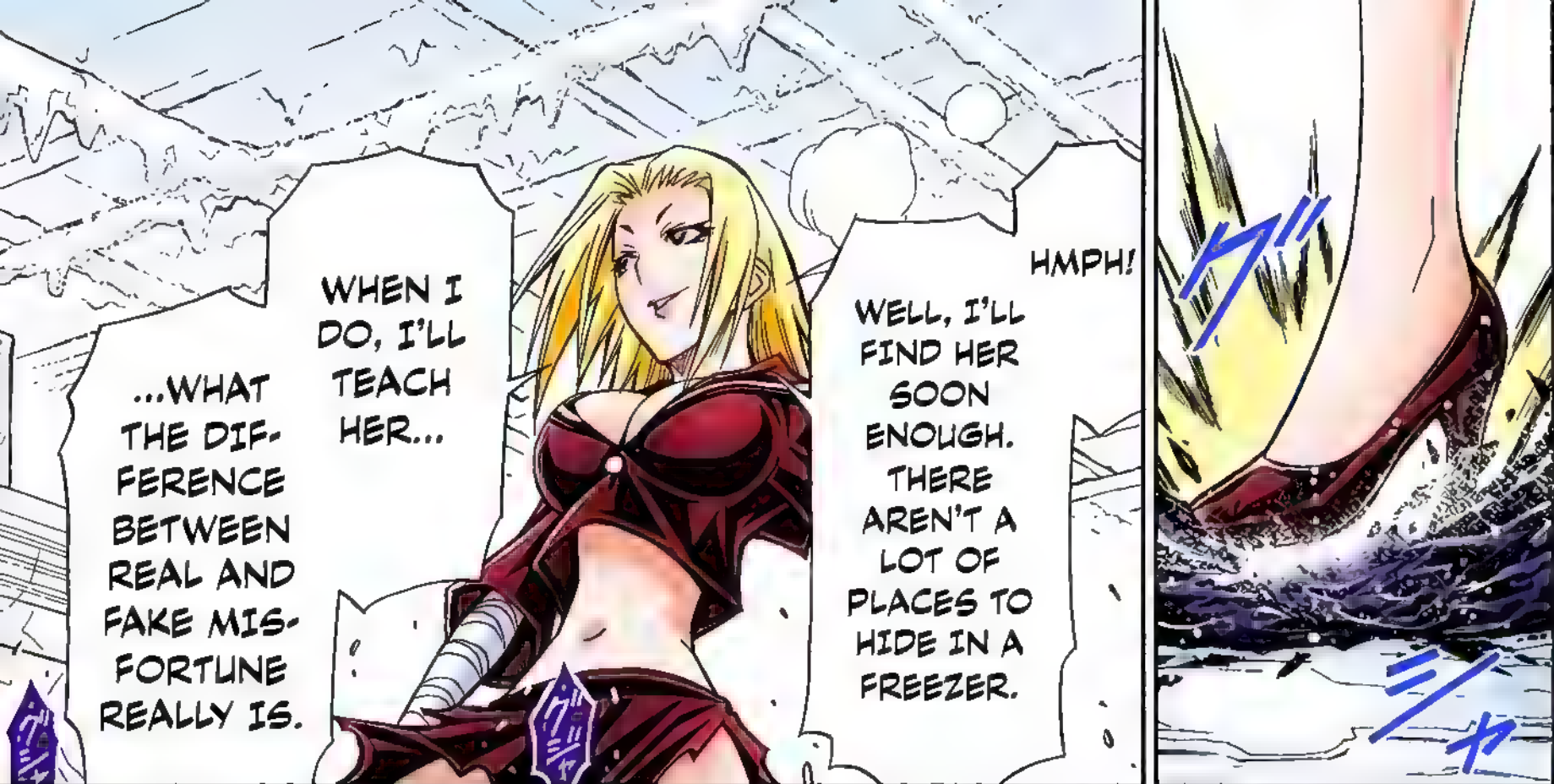
**DAMN...
I FEEL LIKE
SOMEONE
CUT MY HEAD
OPEN AND
JIGGLED
MY BRAIN
AROUND.
I CAN'T THINK
OF ANYTHING!**



**IT'S FRICKIN'
COLD IN HERE!
I'VE ONLY GOT
MINUTES LEFT
BEFORE I'M A
STATUE!!**

**THIS IS
HOPE-
LESS...**

**EVEN IF
I'VE
STOPPED
THE
BLEED-
ING...**



...WHAT THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN REAL AND FAKE MISFORTUNE REALLY IS.

WHEN I DO, I'LL TEACH HER...

WELL, I'LL FIND HER SOON ENOUGH. THERE AREN'T A LOT OF PLACES TO HIDE IN A FREEZER.

HMPH!

...MAKE YOU THE MOST MISFORTUNATE PERSON IN THE WORLD!!

I'M NO KUMA-GAWA-SAN, BUT I CAN STILL...

I'M A PROFESSIONAL IN BRINGING MISERY TO OTHERS!



[?]



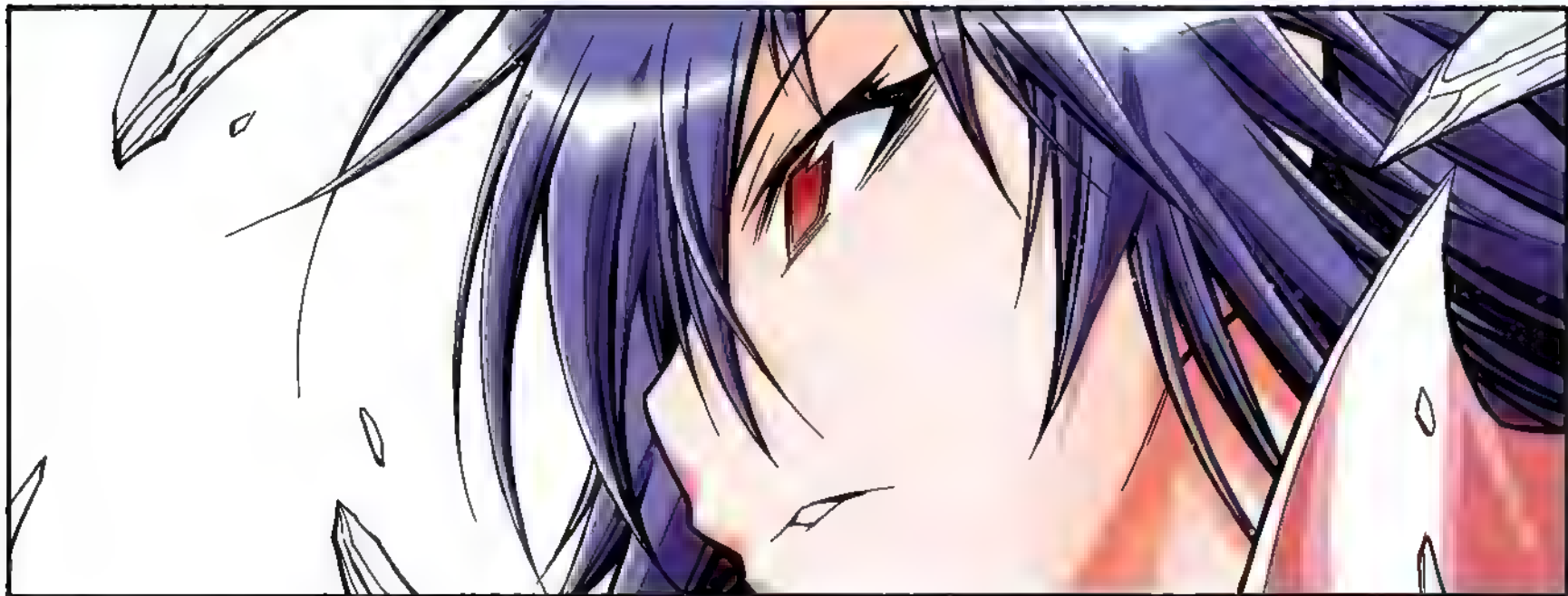
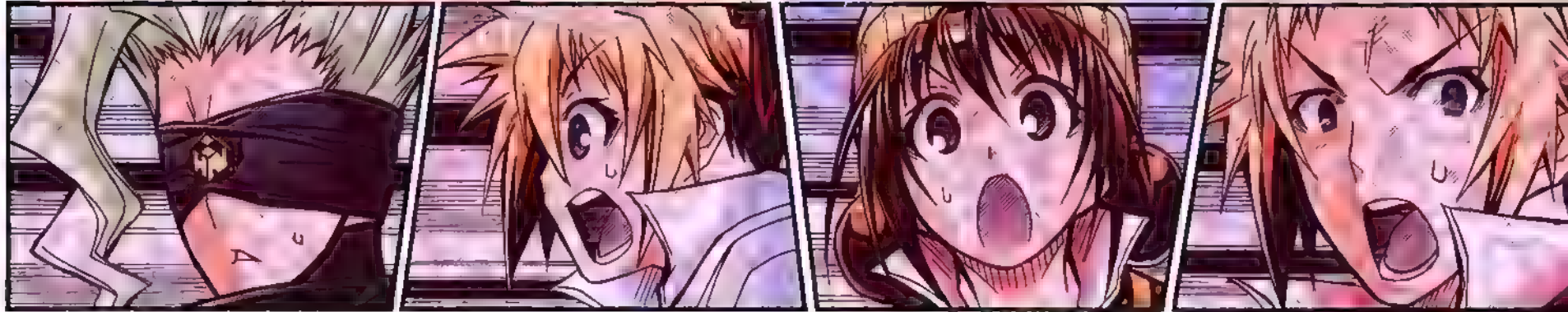
LET ME BORROW YOUR HEAD FOR A SECOND.

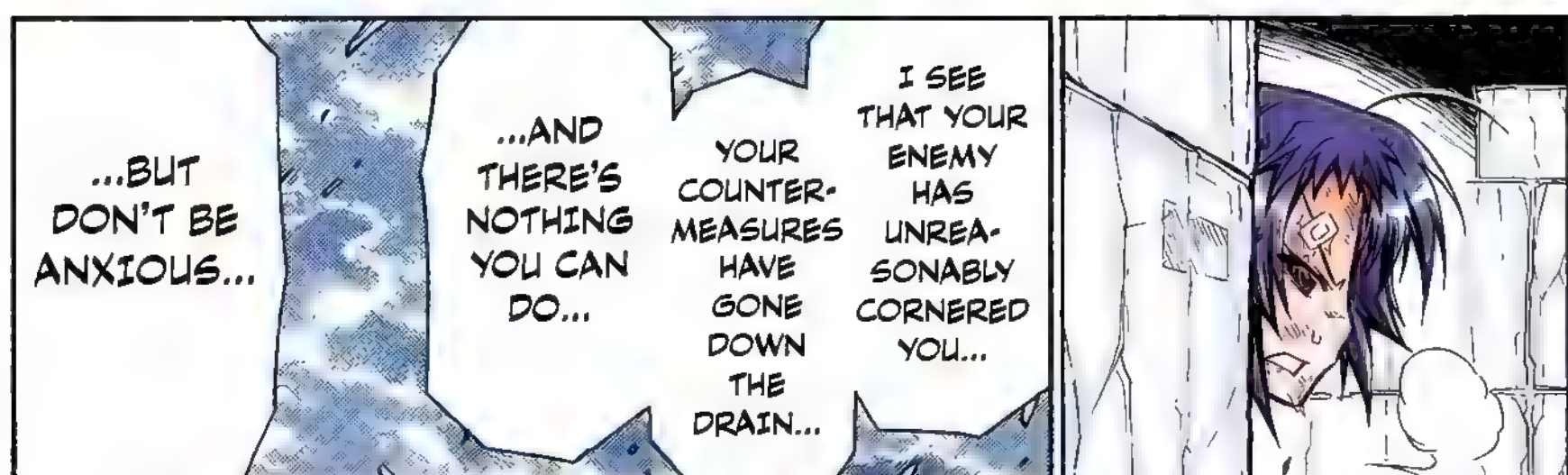
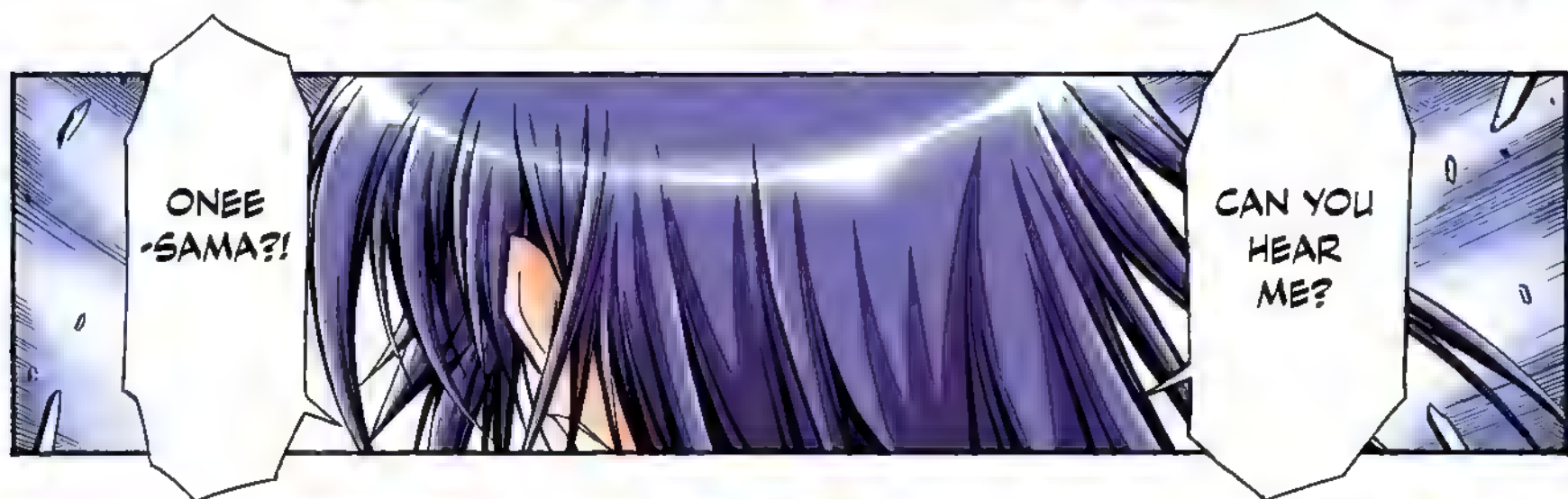
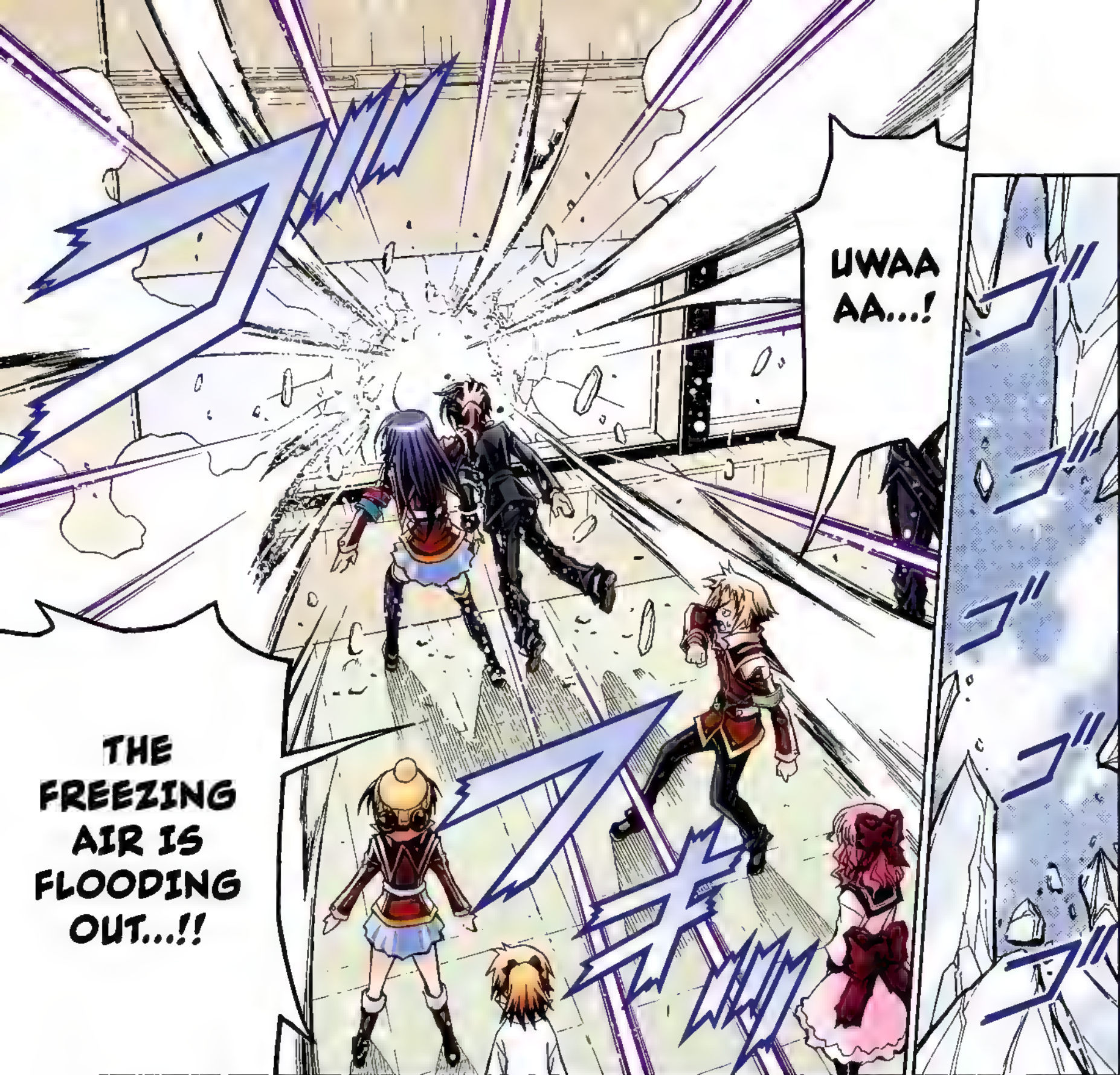
KUMA-GAWA.

「HUH?」



.....





**SOMEONE
WHO
SHINES
THE
BRIGHT-
EST
IN THE
FACE OF
ADVER-
SITY!!**

**...BE-
CAUSE
YOU
ARE...**

**...MY
OLDER
SISTER,
KURO-
KAMI
KUJIRA!**

**I LOOK
FORWARD
TO YOU
TURNING
THE
TABLES!!**

**THAT'S WHY
I WON'T BE
ANXIOUS...**

**...AND
WILL PUT
MY TRUST
IN YOU
LIKE A
FOOL!**





YOU'RE WASTING
HITOYOSHI'S
VICTORY. EVEN
RECKLESSNESS
HAS IT'S
LIMIT! STOP
OVERESTIMATING
ME!

YOU STILL
TRUST ME
EVEN IN A
TOUGH
SPOT LIKE
THIS.
YOU'RE
EITHER
STUPID OR
REALLY
STUPID.

SPARE ME,
KUROKAMI.
DID YOU
REALLY HAVE
TO BREAK
THE WINDOW
JUST TO SAY
THAT?



...SHE'LL
JUST
WHINE
ABOUT IT
LIKE SHE
DID
WHEN
HITO-
YOSHI
DIED.

ADMIT-
TEDLY, HER
SPEECH
WAS
PRETTY
COOL, BUT
IF I LOSE
NOW AND
DIE HERE...

JUST LIKE
ANIKI,
SHE'D
ALWAYS
FOLLOW
ME AND
PUT SUCH
HIGH
HOPES IN
ME.

I JUST
REMEMBERED
THAT MEMORY
WHEN MY
TRAUMA CAME
BACK.

NOW THAT
I THINK
ABOUT IT,
SHE'S
ALWAYS
BEEN
LIKE THIS.
EVEN
BACK
THEN.



...BUT I
GUESS I
HAVE NO
CHOICE
NOW.

I
REALLY
WANTED
TO RUN
AWAY...

HATE
THAT...

I...



**...JUST
HOW
COOL HER
OLDER
SISTER
CAN BE!**

**I HAVE TO
SHOW MY
STUPID
KID SIS...**

**ANIKI SAID THAT THE PROBLEM
WITH MINUSES ISN'T THEIR
ABILITIES, BUT THEIR
PERSONALITIES...
BUT AFTER WHAT SHE'S
ALREADY PUT ME THROUGH, THEIR
ABILITIES ARE JUST AS BAD.
THERE'S NO WAY I CAN FIGHT AN
ENEMY WITH AN ABILITY THAT
FLAT OUT DENIES THE LAWS OF
PHYSICS...**

**EVEN IF MY
FIGHTING
SPIRIT IS
BACK, THE
SITUATION
HASN'T
CHANGED.**

**BUT HOW
AM I
GONNA
DO IT?**

**...I COULD
USE AN
ABILITY
LIKE
THAT.**

**IF
ONLY...**

**AT
LEAST...**



**THERE'S
STILL
A WAY!!**

**I
SEE
...**



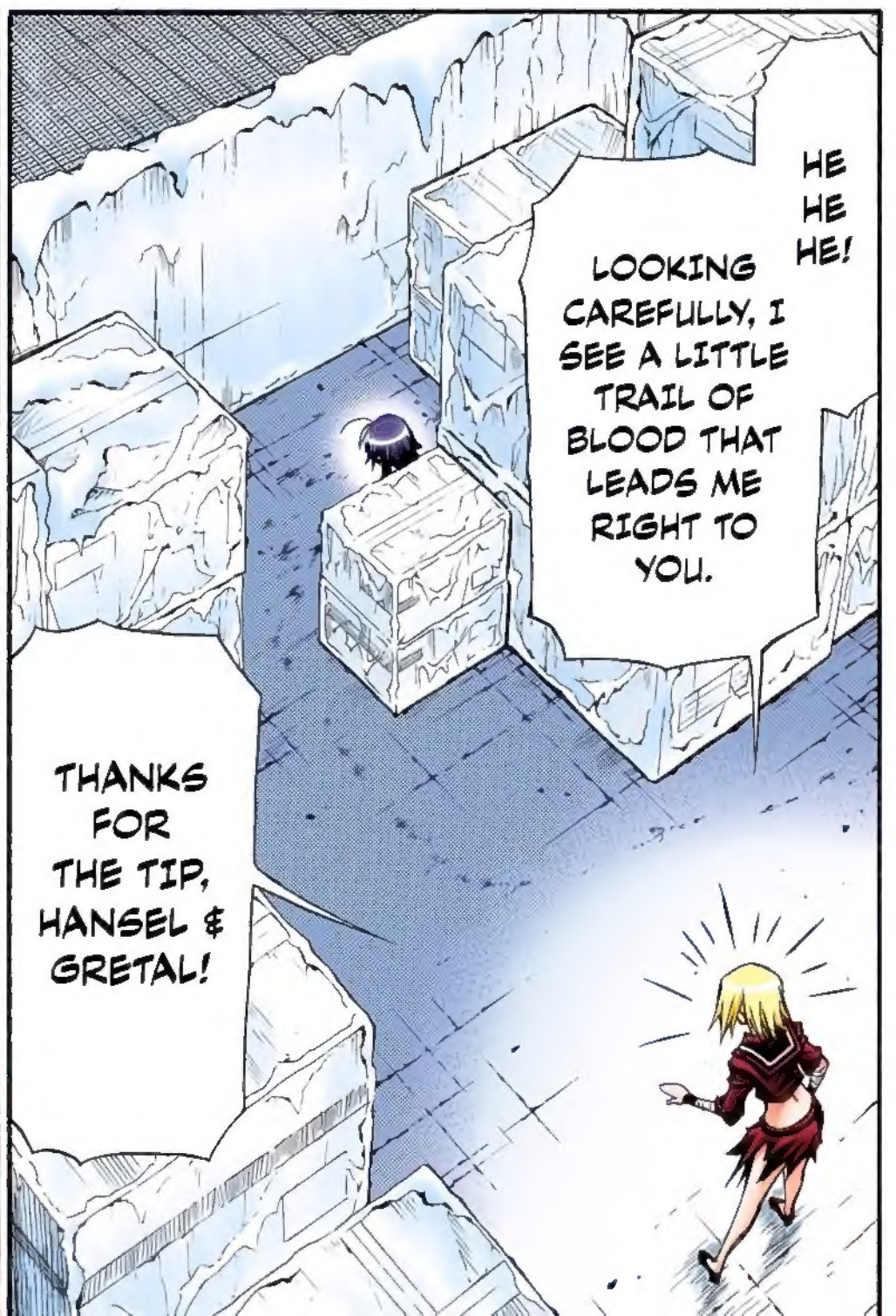
HIDE AND
SEEK WAS
FUN, BUT
NOW IT'S
OVER!

I'VE
GOT YOU
NOW,
NAZE
-SENPAI!



...OF
THE
BODY
AND
THE
MIND!

SO
LET ME
OPEN
YOUR
WOUNDS
...



HE
HE
HE!

LOOKING
CAREFULLY, I
SEE A LITTLE
TRAIL OF
BLOOD THAT
LEADS ME
RIGHT TO
YOU.

THANKS
FOR
THE TIP,
HANSEL &
GRETAL!



...GOT
COV-
ERED...
IN
ICE?!

W-
WHA
... MY
ARM
...

!?



IT'S BEEN
SIX LONG
YEARS
SINCE I'VE
LAST
REMODELED
MY OWN
BODY.

EVEN
THOUGH
MY AB-
NORMAL-
ITY IS REMOD-
ELING...

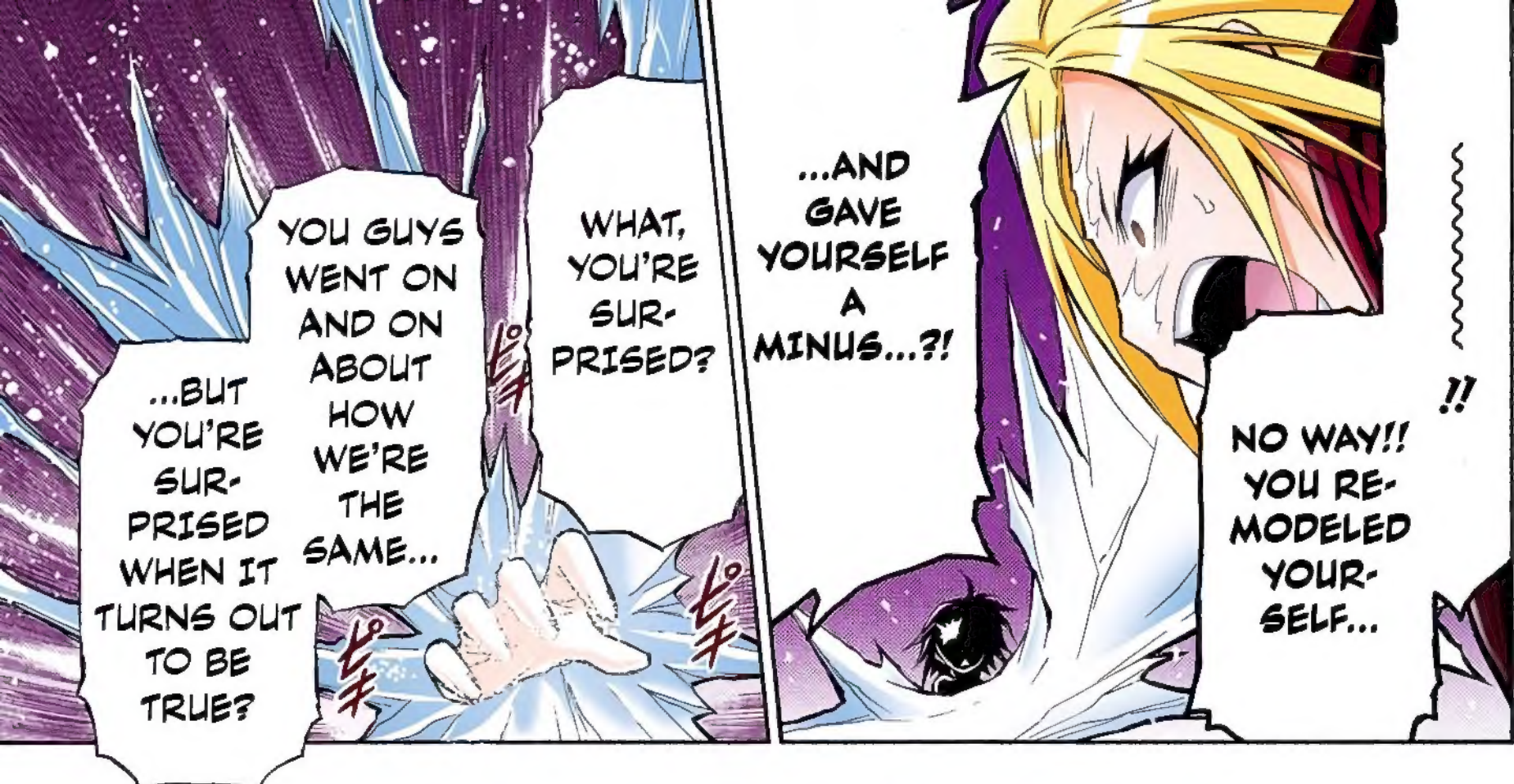
FOR MY
BIG COME-
BACK TO
BE IN A
SITUATION
LIKE
THIS...



...WHILE
ABNORMAL-
ITIES ARE
GIFTS OF
NATURE.

IT SEEMS
THAT MINUSES
MANIFEST
DUE TO THE
ENVIRONMENT
OR SITUATION
OF IT'S USER...

BUT I'VE
LEARNED
SOME-
THING...



...BUT
YOU'RE
SUR-
PRISED
WHEN IT
TURNS OUT
TO BE
TRUE?

YOU GUYS
WENT ON
AND ON
ABOUT
HOW
WE'RE
THE
SAME...

WHAT,
YOU'RE
SUR-
PRISED?

...AND
GAVE
YOURSELF
A
MINUS...?!

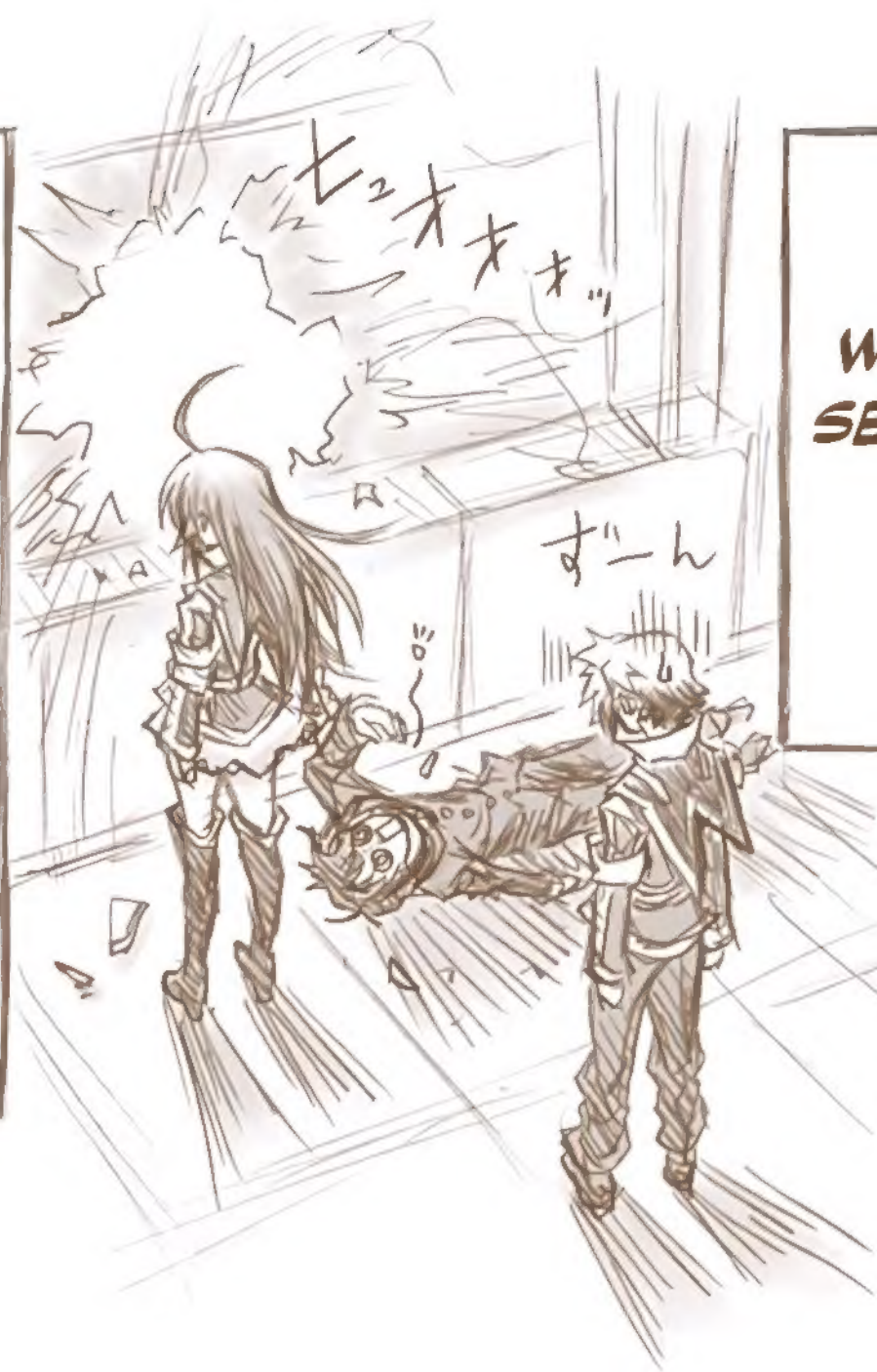
NO WAY!!
YOU RE-
MODELED
YOUR-
SELF...



**I CALL
IT...
"ICE
-FIRE"!!**

A MINUS
CREATED
IN ORDER
TO
SURVIVE
IN SUB
-ZERO
TEMPERA-
TURES!
A MINUS
CREATED
IN ORDER
TO SUR-
VIVE
AGAINST
ANOTHER
MINUS!

**DID SHE
JUST
BEAT
KLIMA-
GAWA?**



**WAIT A
SECOND
...**